

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1760**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Benjamin B. Downing***

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to creating a clean energy standard.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Benjamin B. Downing</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1760) of Benjamin B. Downing and Marjorie C. Decker for legislation to create a clean energy standard. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to creating a clean energy standard.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of  
2 environmental protection shall set a clean energy standard requiring the total annual sales of each  
3 retail electricity product sold to Massachusetts end-use customers by a retail electricity seller to  
4 include a minimum percentage of electrical energy sales with clean generation attributes. The  
5 standard shall be consistent with the goal of reducing electric sector emissions by 80 to 95  
6 percent by 2050, relative to a 1990 baseline. The department may consider the use of multi-year  
7 compliance periods instead of requiring annual compliance. The department shall promulgate  
8 rules and regulations consistent with this section by January 1, 2015.